

Council Meeting

The Graettinger City Council met in regular session Monday, February 12, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall with Mayor Armstrong presiding. Currans completed the rollcall: Present were council member Harris, Dyhrkopp, Alderson, Masters and employees Currans, Petersen, and Anderson. Visitors: Ivan Dalen, Jonathan Moe, and Tony Brugman.

Motion by Alderson, seconded by Dyhrkopp to approve consent agenda. 1.Motion to approve agenda. 2.Motion to approve minutes. 3.Motion to approve bills. 4.Motion to approve financial statement. 5.Motion to approve Liquor and Sunday Liquor Licenses for Hillcrest Golf and Country Club pending proper paperwork. All ayes carried.

Discussion was held on the vacant seat on Council. This seat will be appointed to Barb Hoffman for the remaining two-year term left on Armstrong vacancy, term ending December 31, 2025. If within fourteen days after the appointment, there is filed with the city clerk a petition which requests a special election to fill the vacancy, an appointment to fill vacancy is temporary and the city council shall call a special election to fill the vacancy permanently.

Petersen reviewed the Public Awareness plan and had the council do their annual questionnaire. O&M Plan and Emergency Plan for the City of Graettinger reviewed and updated. Dyhrkopp introduced resolution no. 10-2024, "A Resolution approving Operation & Maintenance and Emergency Plan for the City of Graettinger Municipal Gas Utility". and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by Harris Ayes-4. Resolution adopted.

Motion by Alderson, seconded by Dyhrkopp to set a public hearing for Proposed Property tax meeting for budget for fiscal 2024-25 for Monday March 25, 2024, at city hall at 6:00 P.M. All ayes. Carried.

Motion by Alderson, seconded by Dyhrkopp to set a public hearing for budget adoption for fiscal 2024-25 for Monday, April 8, 2024, at city hall at 5:30 P.M. All ayes. Carried.

The Council reviewed Mosquito Control letter, contract fee will be same for 2024, additional services included this year will include tick control for City of Graettinger. Mosquito Control of Iowa upscaled their equipment allow additional treatments. The Council also reviewed a letter from Clayton Energy regarding wintry weather experienced in January, February is currently warmer than previous ones to date- current PGA will remain steady for January and February months.

The City of Graettinger renewed two CD's, the city was given a rate of 3.14 instead of 3.01 for renewal, auto renewal will be yearly in January.

Motion by Dyhrkopp, seconded by Alderson to open line of credit for propane purchases for well 5 with Cooperative Energy. All ayes. Motion carried.

Iowa Grants has received a grant application for Irving and Paulina Chavez for a Downtown Catalyst grant. Their new business would renovate an old building. The Council has approved a matching city donation of \$10,000 if grant is approved.

Motion by Dyhrkopp, seconded by Alderson to approve Urban Renewal Area Data Collection report- TIF report- and submit to state. All ayes. Carried.

Palo Alto Economic Development was present to invite City of Graettinger back into their program. Ivan Dalen reviewed the benefits of membership; paperwork given to the council members to review. Dalen reviewed grant opportunities, and loans available to clients. Palo Alto Economic Development does have an annual fee, charged per capita, this fee has historically been split between City and Graettinger Light Plant. The Council will review paperwork and talk with Graettinger Light Plant regarding membership. Tabled till next meeting.

Discussion was held on current water rates collected for residents of the City of Graettinger. Current water rates will not self-support 2024-25 budget. Motion by Alderson, seconded by Harris to set a rate of \$10.00 per month for meter water rate. All Gallons per 1000 will be \$3.75. Rate increase will begin March 1, 2024. Ayes- 4. Adopted. Alderson introduced Ordinance no. 231 " An Ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the City of Graettinger, Iowa, 2024, by amending provisions pertaining to water rates and sewer rates". Then said ordinance was read and discussed. Motion by Alderson, seconded by Harris to approve the first reading. Ayes-4. Adopted. Motion by Alderson, seconded by Dyhrkopp to waive the rule requiring said ordinance be read at three separate meetings and move that it be adopted. Ayes-4. Adopted and carried.

Dyhrkopp introduced resolution no. 9-2024, "A resolution authorizing the mayor to sign a contract between Pelzer Law Firm and the City of Graettinger for attorney services." and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by Masters. Ayes-4. Resolution adopted.

City Clerk Currans reviewed Palo Alto County Gaming Grant ideas for Per capita monies received. Priorities will include Utility mapping for community, Alleyway improvements, Street work, Catalyst improvements, Picnic tables for parks.

Bills for February						
Amazon	Books	452.79		PA County Sheriff	Contract	5,231.33
Apptegy	webpage	1,366.66		PA CO Treasurer	Contract	693.33

Arnold Motor	Filters	642.81		PEFA	Gas	16,994.58
Avera	Deductible	1,159.87		Picrays	Supplies	14.20
Bomgaars	City Well	246.94		Pro Coop	Gas	687.35
Central Lab	Salt	1,754.92		RVTC	Telephone	621.30
City Laundering	Supplies	19.95		River Valley	Loan	8,101.85
Clayton	Reservation	26,597.79		Scholastic	Story walk	251.31
Cooperative Energy	Propane	68.77		Sensit Technologies	Supplies	90.16
Currans P&H	Library	118.17		Sioux Enviro	Repair kit	420.00
Dakota Supply	SUPPLIES	223.39		St IA/Excess	Excess	474.77
GMU	Streetlights	3,414.98		IA ST Treasurer	Sales tax	3,413.50
Graettinger Chiro	Testing	45.00		Unity Point Clinic	Testing	42.00
Graettinger Hardware	Supplies	277.19		US Cellular	Cell Phone	208.30
Graettinger Market	Supplies	93.48		Vander Haags	Supplies	300.38
Graettinger Times	Publication	627.80		Visa	Supplies	293.81
Groebner & Assoc	Supplies	1,440.54		Wellmark		7,697.62
GWOKS	Contract	1,813.50		Payroll		9,946.99
Harris Sanitation	Contract	5,743.50		Total		118,846.18
Hawkins	Chlorine	40.00		General		26,298.75
Health Consultants	Odorator	5,603.00		RUT		5,016.01
Alex Helmich	Rebate	500.00		Emp Ben		4,078.11
Sandra Henderson	Contract	2,100.00		Debt		8,101.85
IA One call	Locates	7.20		Water		7,776.78
IAMU	Training	2,621.00		Sewer		2,546.04
IRS	Tax	2,803.63		Gas		62,345.36
Lakes Reginal Health	Deductible	1,378.41		Self-Insurance		2,683.28
Lair Excavating	Cleanup	1,500.00		Total		118,846.18
Midwest Radiology	Deductible	145.00		Receipts		
New Pig	Supplies	16.31		General	1070.13	
NW IA Planning	Contract	540.80		lib Memorial	22.08	
				Water	1679.05	
				Sewer	1378.07	
				Gas	10717.89	
				Storm	140.65	
				Total	15007.87	

Motion by Dyhrkopp, seconded by Alderson to adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Brandon Armstrong, Mayor

Kara Currans, City Clerk